



Bertha Louise Hanshew

May 16, 1941 - April 15, 2023

Bertha Louise Hanshew

Born May 16, 1941, and passed April 15, 2023, at the age of 81 . She was born in Landisburg, WV to Buster Franklin Smith, Sr., and Opal Louise Sweet. She was preceded in death by her mother and Father, brothers Buster Franklin Smith, Jr., and Howard Hugart Smith.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of nearly 63 years, Opie, and her two sons, Dennis (spouse - Donna) of St. Albans, WV and Donn Hanshew of South Charleston WV. Grandchildren Cody Hanshew of Charleston, SC, Samuel Hanshew of St. Albans, WV and Michaela Hanshew of Charleston, WV and many special nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her sister, Carol Berry of Beckley WV, and brother, Clarence (spouse - Cheri) Smith of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland and former Daughter-in-law Debra Cook of South Charleston, WV.

Bertha was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her grandchildren were her greatest treasures and joy. Mawmaw was her most cherished title. She loved her Lord and Savior and diligently prayed for her family and friends. We were all covered by her prayers.

While growing up, our home was the hub of activity for family and friends. She loved to cook and had big Sunday meals with lots of family and friends. She was like a second mother to our friends. They hung out at our house, and she kept us all fed and disciplined. She treated them all like they were her own.

She had a huge heart and was always ready to offer help to anyone that needed it and often put others needs ahead of her own.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Mom's best friend Margaret Buffington and her husband, Eddie, for all their help and assistance. They were very dedicated to her.

Funeral service will be held 1:00 pm Friday, April 21, 2023 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Rev. Floyd Bolen officiating. Burial will follow in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

You may visit Bertha's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Hanshew family.

Cemetery Details

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

APR 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ I will miss my Friend and former neighbor so very much. She was the most loving, kind, sweet, thoughtful, caring person I have ever known. I will miss our phone calls, our laughter, our friendship was so precious. I could call when I needed to know how to make her delicious recipes like her famous mashed potatoes or anything for that matter. I am so thankful for her prayers and love for me and Robert. She and Opie were so kind to us but I know God knew she was tired and needed to go home where she will never be in pain ever again. I pray God will wrap his arms around the family and give them strength and peace knowing she is gone but never forgotten. Rest In Peace my friend. Memories are precious.

Robert and Brenda Smith ❤️

Brenda Smith - April 20, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bertha Louise Hanshew.



April 20, 2023 at 02:12 PM

GB

“ So sorry to hear this Folks. What an honor to have known Bertha and her family. They just don't come any sweeter! May God bless and comfort y'all as only He can.

Your Friend,
Gary Bennett

Gary Bennett - April 20, 2023 at 01:07 PM

GH

“ Opie, Dennis, Don and Family so sorry to hear of Bertha 's passing. She was special to us and always loved. Gary and I always enjoyed seeing her. Both of our families go way back. Some day we will see her again and no more pain. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Gary and Macy



Gary and Macy Holcomb - April 19, 2023 at 11:10 PM

DC

“ Bertha was a second mother to me, and she loved me like a daughter. Even before Donn and I were married and in college and after we were married, we spent many weekends with Bertha and Opie. There was always lots of food, lots of fun and lots of laughter. She and Opie when Donn and I were married helped us start our marriage together; helped us clean our first home; and helped us raise our baby Michaela together. I have so many fond memories of her. Her cooking skills were surpassed by no one. I lived for all our big holiday family dinners and our family visits. Even after our divorce, Bertha was always very good and kind to me. I've always loved her with all my heart.

I know she is in no more pain and rejoicing with our Lord and Savior. I can still hear her voice and the way she said my name. I will forever miss her!

Deb Cook - April 19, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Bertha Louise Hanshew.



April 19, 2023 at 10:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bertha Louise Hanshew.



April 19, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Bertha Louise Hanshew.



April 19, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ *The Hanshew / Puckett reunion* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Bertha Louise Hanshew.



The Hanshew / Puckett reunion - April 19, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Bertha Louise Hanshew.



April 19, 2023 at 08:57 AM

KW

“ To the Hanshew family please accept our condolences and know our prayers are going up on behalf of every hear that's broke from the loss of such a precious soul.
Aunt Bertha has a special light that has caused our world to be a little darker. But The way she loved us all ; bestowed that same light in each of us.
As we live going on from this sad day. Her light will live and shine on through each of us.
I know after hearing her testimony back when we attended church together.
I know for sure she is in heaven strolling on streets of Gold with Jesus.
May God bless her memory. And may she rest in perfect peace until we meet again. ❤️😭

Kenny Wolford - April 18, 2023 at 11:33 PM

BB

“ My Dearest Aunt Bertha how sad & broken my heart is to know that you have departed from us, That are still here in this world. You are my 2nd cousin but in my heart my dearest Loved Aunt Bertha. I loved you from my earliest memory in Maryland at 3 or 4 years old. I even remember you watching us a few time a small kids. We respected your home and values everytime we came to visit. I've even been honored to be compared to you in how straight talking as you were. I felt proud of it, because always adored you. You have always impacted my life as I know you have many others. We talked many times on the phone since Aunt Nadine passed and I'm so happy that we did. I wouldn't trade not one call for all the tea in China. I love you and will miss you forever, although your still in my heart. God hold you in his precious arms till we meet again. I love you, R.I.P, Aunt Bertha Hanshew.



Beverly Wolford Barnett - April 18, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bertha Louise Hanshew.*



April 18, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *Condolences to the Family of Bertha Hanshew...may you find some peace and love for each other in the days to come.*
Bill & Sharon



Bill Blankenship - April 18, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bertha Louise Hanshew.*



April 18, 2023 at 01:11 PM